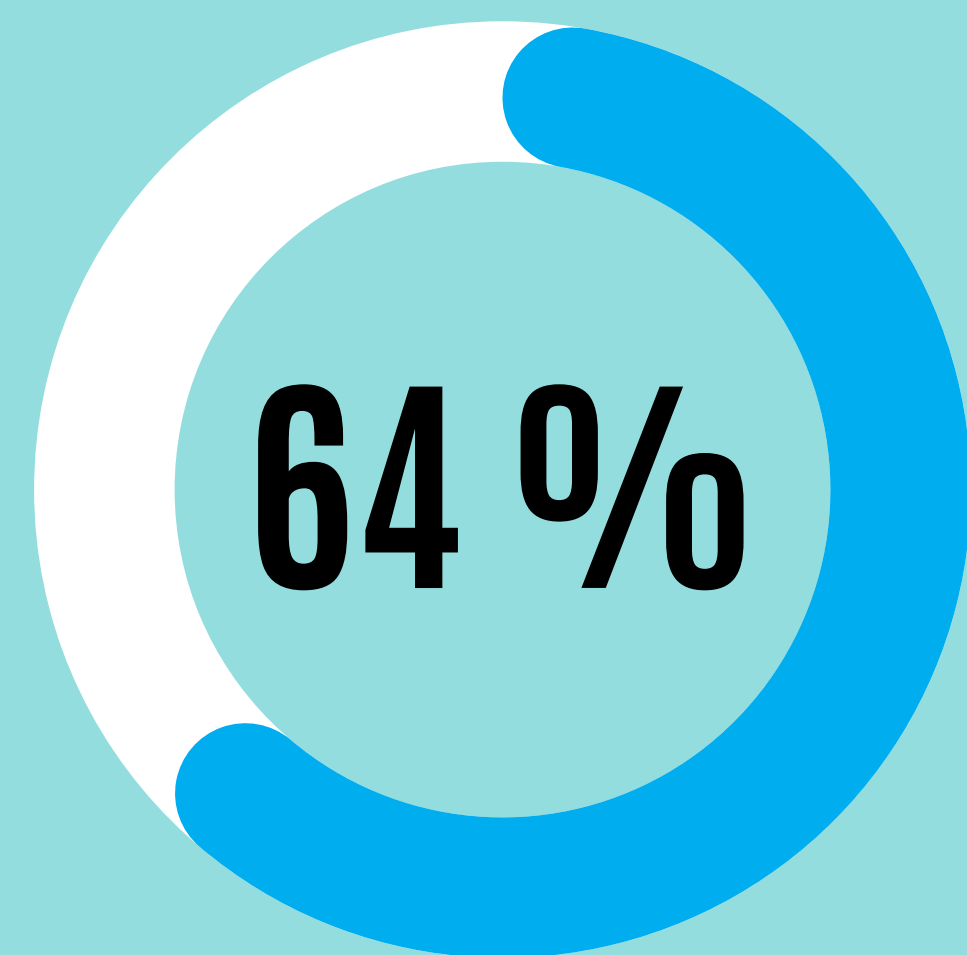


# ATTITUDES OF LIS STUDENTS TOWARDS THE SDGs



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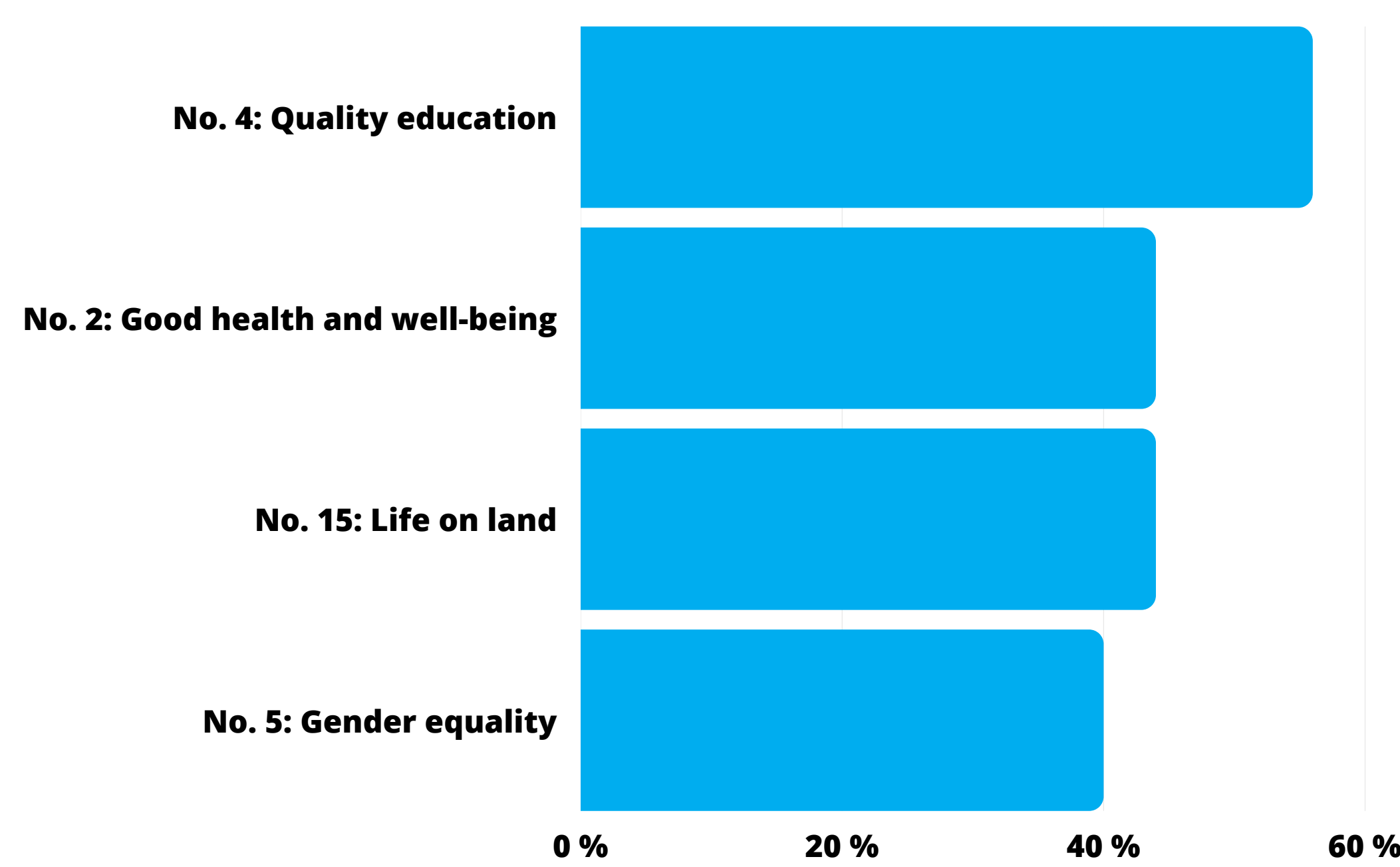


This pilot study focused on the awareness and attitudes of LIS students at the Silesian University in Opava, Czech Republic, was realised at the beginning of 2023.

Our aim was also to find out how thoroughly they know these goals, whether they reflect them in their studies, during their library internships and in their personal lives.

The results of our pilot research show that many of the objectives are important topics for students. We should integrate sustainability and the SDGs more into teaching across the curriculum.

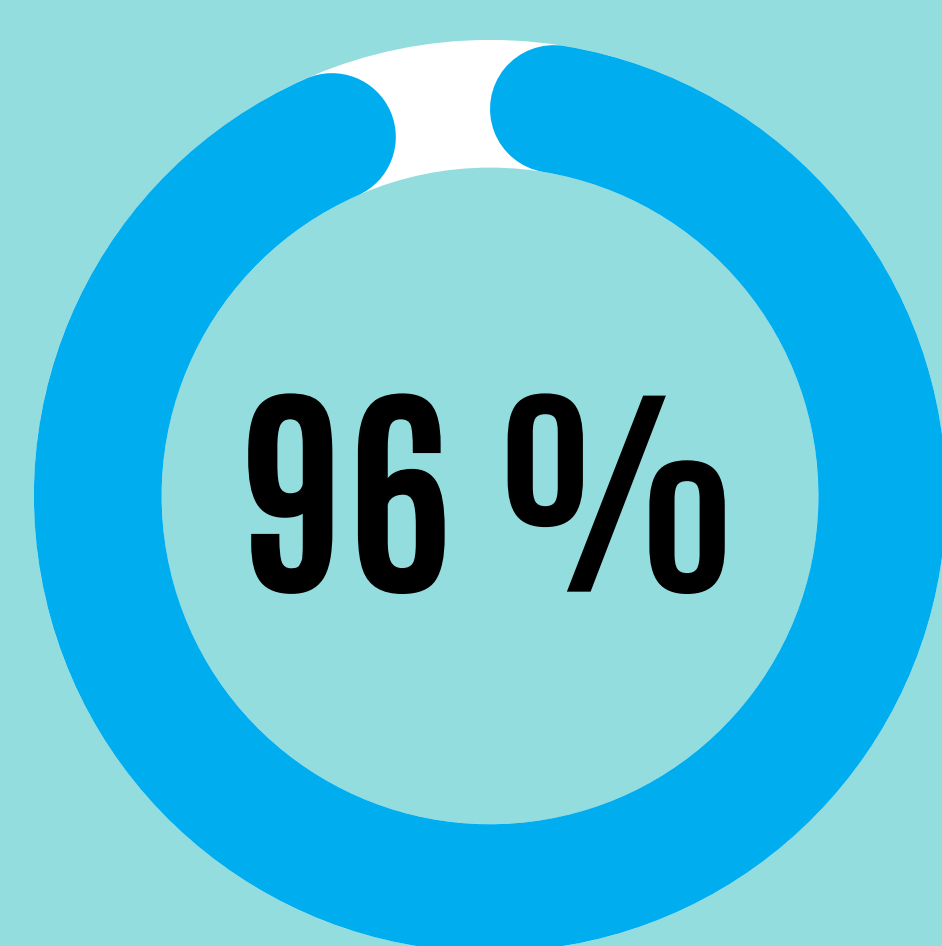
## Which goals are personally impacting students?



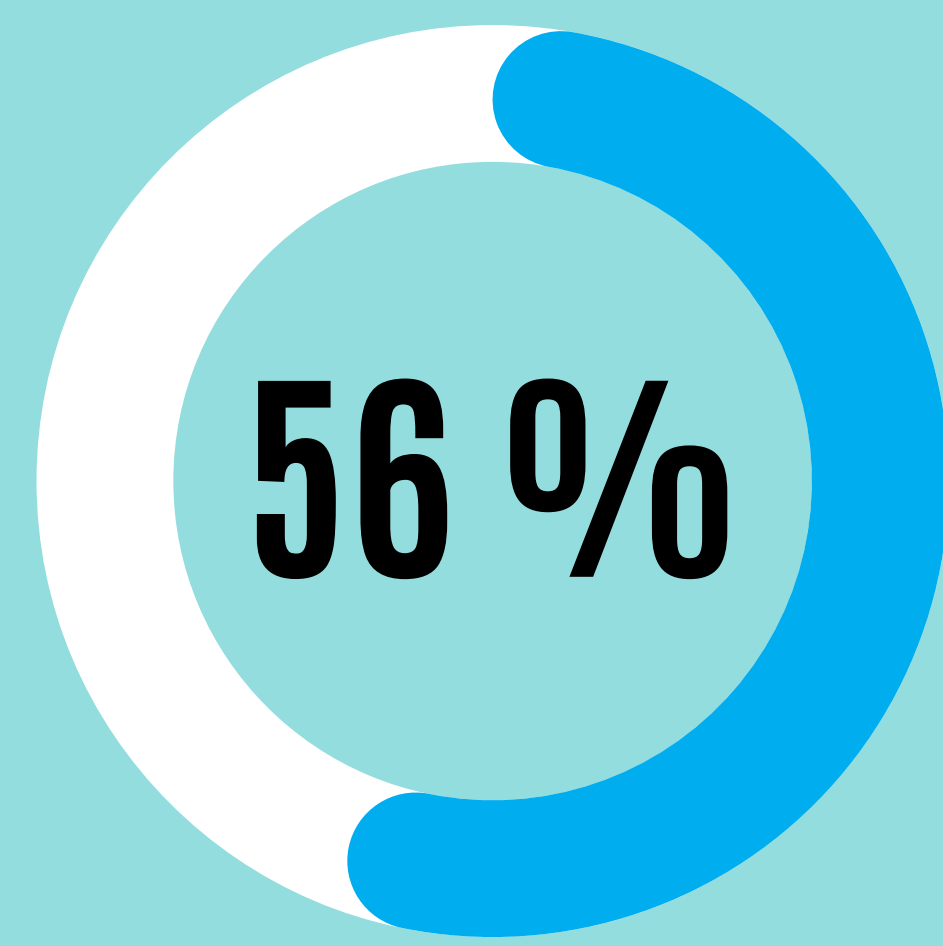
## Which goals do students consider most important?

- Life below water
- Life on land
- Clean water and sanitation
- Zero hunger
- Gender equality
- Climate action
- Peace, justice and strong institutions

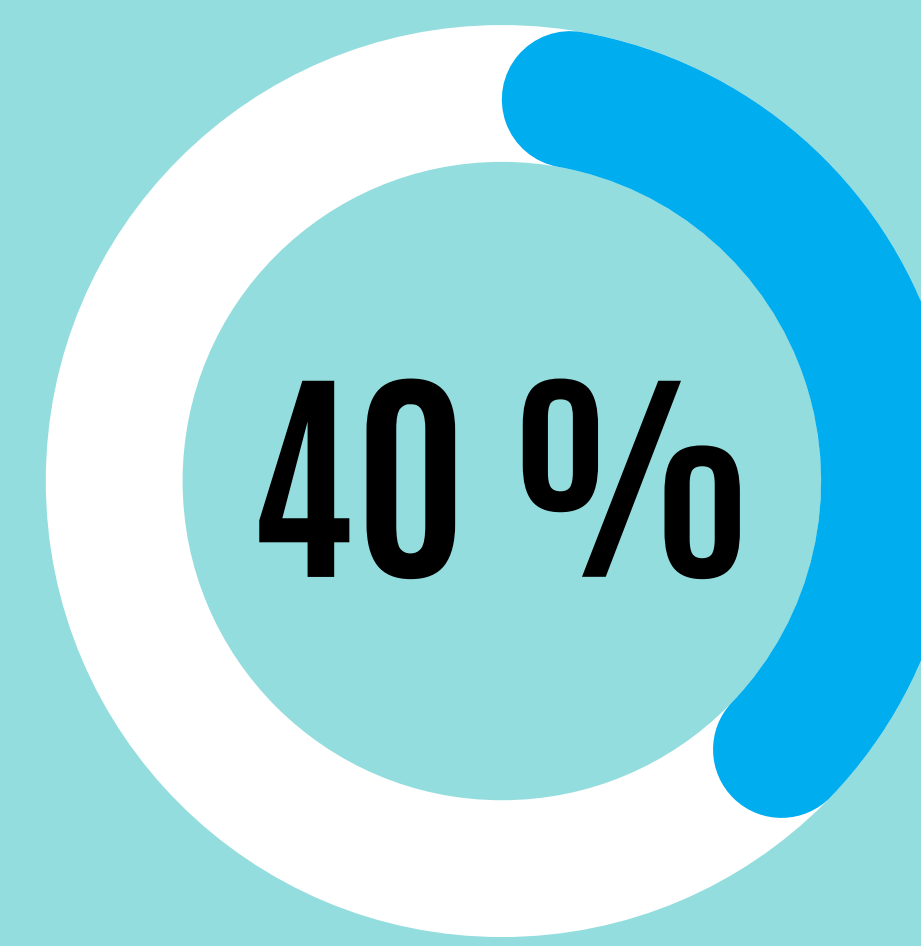
## According to students, which goals should Czech libraries focus on?



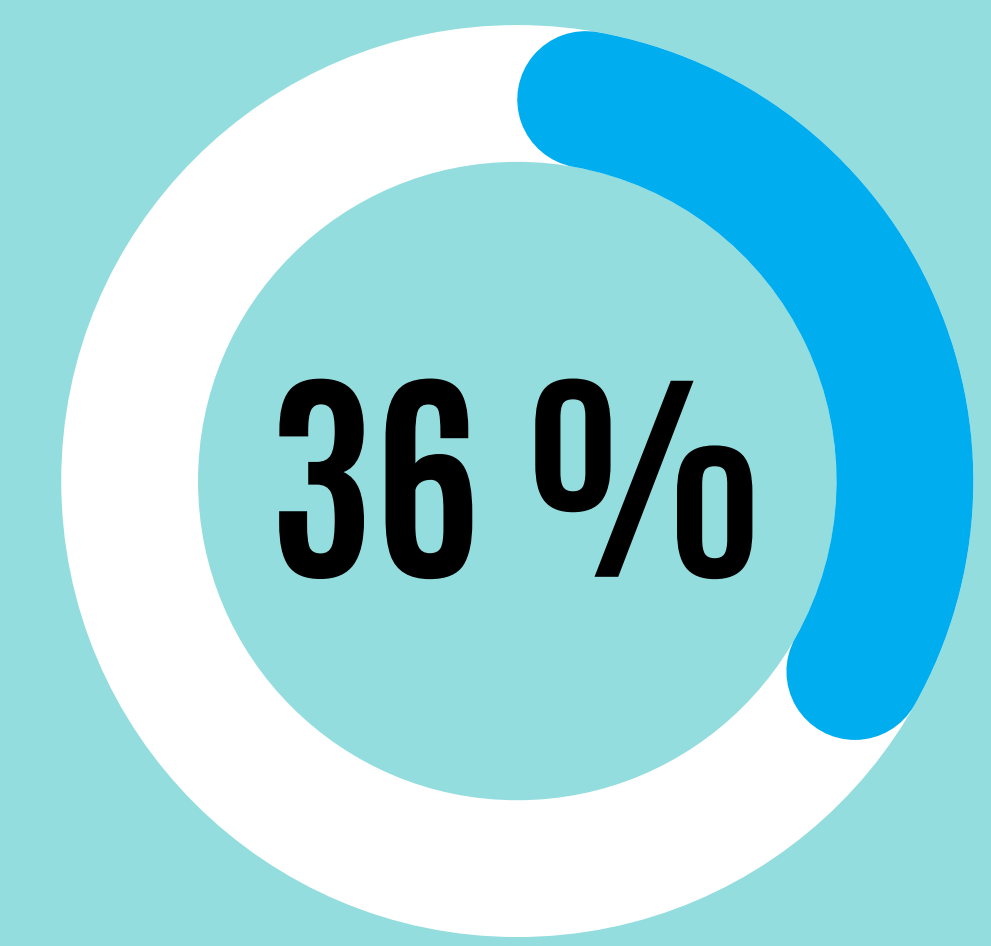
Quality  
 education



Gender  
 equality



Peace, justice and  
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Good health  
 and well-being

## Quotes from student responses - why should libraries be involved in SDGs?

Goals 3 and 4 strike me as goals that libraries could pursue without having to fundamentally change the way they operate and the services they provide.

Libraries are viewed by the public as institutions where you can get all the information you need, and especially the truth. Librarians are seen as wise and educated people, so I think libraries are in a very good position to inform the public about global and especially environmental issues, and they can also do various lectures and workshops where people can learn more about these issues.

Libraries are like one of the pillars of education and spreading awareness of anything.

Each of us should strive to make our Earth a better place to live. The more of us there are, the greater the impact.

It is something that libraries can work with immediately, of their own volition, without having to radically change their activities and their focus. Otherwise they should be involved in the majority, but this will come rather gradually, slowly, and will require competent staff and perhaps new financial resources.

I believe that libraries are places where people can find safety, background, acceptance, a community friendly environment, as well as sources of relevant information, and that libraries should be dedicated to these goals for these reasons. In my opinion, the library is an oasis of safety, peace and a place where we can get trustworthy information, communicate and express ourselves freely.

Libraries can help with education after school, and much of the above goals would be better achieved with a better educated society - if libraries as educational institutions had more supportive legislation, it would be even better.